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To Sri His Highness Sri Krishna Raja Wadeyar Bahadur Maharaja of Mysore.

Most Respected.

It is very much regretted for the unexpected sickness of our Dewan Saheb, and it is wholeheartedly hoped that he will, by the grace of God Lord, recover health and return to duty soon.

Till he returns, some temporary arrangements will have to be made by Your Highness for the discharge of the duties of the sick.

There are three candidates in view viz :- (1) Mr P. Raghavendra Rau (2) Chandrasekhara Aya & (3) Puttanna Chetty. - The question of Mr Banerji being left out of Consideration though he continues to serve in Mysore, for certain reasons known to Your Highness. - No more comment is necessary. -

In making selection due care in the welfare of our model and excellent State is quite essencial, particularly the State being in a marked Condition of financial stringency, which fact is in every Child's lips even, and the most loyal and sympathetic subjects of Your Highness most interestedly pray that the State must Continue to be called the model and excellent State. So, the Select must be an all round person who has real love & sympathy and interest in the welfare of the State and its Ruling Family.

The Three Candidates are described here, and Your Highness are not fresh to these details. The writer of this letter is not a non-brahmin but always a well-wisher and a true sympathiser and his respectful and humble Suggestion should not be kindly discarded or disregarded, as the Sole object of this letter is the is the welfare of the State & the Ruling Family.

(1) Mr Raghavendra Rau no doubt holds the Councillor's place (junior) So far as the official routine is concerned he has not worked in many capacities (vide history of his services). He is fully for Brahmins and has direct private correspondence even with petty officials of his caste in official matters (vide Tumkur District Treasurer's place recently filled up permanently. The only point in his favor is that he was Tutor to your Highness. This qualification may not be sufficient to make him an efficient Dewan. no more points to speak in this favor.

(2) The next is Mr Chandrasekhara Aya who also undoubtedly holds a responsible position viz that of a puisne Judge of the Chief Court. He has worked for a long period in different capacities and is very efficient for the office work. He is too conservative and particularly hard hearted, which may not be good qualifications for Such highest post of the State. He is not easily accessible to the public, and is fully for Brahmins; and is for non-brahmins for outward appearance only.

before Your Highness and God Almighty that This letter was written at Mr Chetty's desire or with his knowledge. -

I beg to remain

Most respected Your Highness.

Your Highness' most loyal and loving Subject,

An honest Mysorean

NB:- If the appointment is disposed of among the holders of the University degrees or to one who has won special favor, however temporary it may be, not only the subjects of Your Highness will Suffer but also the State will go from bad to worse. -

He may be fit only to be the Head of the Deptt in which he is now working.

(3) The Third & the last is Mr Puttanna Chetty. He is purely a Mysorean (and the other 2 named above are imported) and as such has real, true love, Sympathy and full interest in the welfare of our Mysore and its good Ruling family, he being a Lingayet by caste. (I am not a Lingayet nor any non-brahmin but a Brahmin). He comes of a respectable & well-to-do family; also comes up from a petty post in Public Service successfully. Has got or possesses European manners having served under European Officers such as Col Bowen, Mr L. Ricketts &c. Has very wide knowledge of the State in general; has studied local people of all parts of Mysore and their customs particularly. Has worked in the P.W.D, Water Works Deptt; Railway Deptt as District Traffic Superintendent; Police Deptt as Dist: Supdt of Police, Personal Asstt to the D.G. ie Mr Ricketts, Carr &c; Revenue Deptt, as Sub Division Officer, Dy: Commissioner & Dist magistrate, Rev: Commissioner & Councillor (Combined) & Senior Councillor. His method & and working habits were immensely liked by the late Sir K. Seshadri Iyer. Has got excellent habits and Chiefly of all, is very far from any vices (to which almost all offrs of the State are addicted, regret. Can please anybody, can put down Brahmana and non-brahman feeling, and also the Non-Co-Operation movement ~~except Politically~~ which is the uppermost subject that the Govt of India are anxious about; has real attachment ~~and~~ with the Mysore Ruling Family and anxious to bring the State under Control if proper scope is given to him. When plague first broke out in Bangalore in the year 1900 there was uncontrolled confusion in the whole City, owing to introduction of strict Rules on plague, the then Dy Commr Mr K. Venkatavaradaiyengar and many other high Officers of the State could not manage. Mr Chetty was specially appointed Dy Comr of Bangalore; and there is record to show that he managed very ably and put down all confusion skillfully within a very short time of a month or two. As a reward for all his ability, and meritorious services done by him to the State, he ought to have been made Dewan before he retired from Service. Circumstances so happened that he lost the Chance. Even after retirement, he was not neglectful towards the State like other Officers but his attitude was to serve the State as long as his health permits, and ~~as~~ served as Honorary President of the City municipality for long 7 years & received valuable titles from Your Highness

and from the Govt of India. Even after that, he has been serving as Honorary Chairman of the City Improvement Trust. All this shows how he is really attached to the State. He did this not do all this Honorary service with any self interest but with real love towards your Highness so faithfully just to repay salt which he ate. He keeps excellent health and is capable of doing any amount of work of any amount of responsibility. - Your Highness having full confidence in him has been pleased to Entrust him with the most important and responsible duty of Chairman of the Finance Committee. The report which he submits on this Subject a Couple of months hence will convince Your Highness about his abilities. If his suggestions are only carried out and adhered to, there is not the least doubt that the State is sure to be restored to its normal Condition and Considerable improvement not only in the matter of finance but also all other matters connected with the Administration. He Should be made the Dewan and Should be given latitude to do all that he wants to do freely. Then he will work without self interest and grudge against others or other motive. There is one point that he is a retired Officer Was not Mr V.P. Madhavarao appointed Dewan of Mysore, Travancore & Baroda after he once retired from Mysore Service? The fact that he rose to the position of the Senior Councillor in the midst of so much Competition, heart burning and the like is sufficient evidence that he successfully and to the tastes of different Kinds of Officers he worked. -

I am not in any way interested in Mr Puttanna Chetty and I can swear